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Town Officers.

ELECTED BIENIALLY.

Moderator,
FRANK H. PEARSON.

Representative to General Court,
JAMES C. PIPER.

Supervisors of the Check List,
PAUL W. GOODSOE, BENJAMIN E. PRAY,
G. ARTHUR GOWEN.

ELECTED ANNUALLY.

Town Clerk,
CHARLES N. LANE.

Selectmen,
BENJAMIN BRIERLEY, GILBERT A. THOMPSON,
MARSHALL S. CHASE.

Treasurer,
GEORGE L. BARKER.

Collector of Taxes,
MARK F. PIPER.

Auditors,
GEORGE W. DIXON, FRANK H. PEARSON.

Board of Education,
PASCAL A. HORTON, PERCY E. JEWELL,
ALBERT C. LANE.

Library Trustees,
GEORGE L. BARKER, GEORGE E. GOWEN.

APPOINTED.

Police Officer,
WILFRED BATCHELDER.

Board of Health,
FRED N. EDMUNDS, JOHN W. MARSH,
BENJAMIN E. PRAY.

Town Warrant.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratham, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Stratham, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the celebration of Old Home Day.

4. To see if the Town will vote to accept state aid for highway improvements, raise and appropriate money for the same.

5. To see if the Town will vote to accept the "Wiggin Memorial Library Building,"

6. To elect a delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

7. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and twelve.

BENJ. BRIERLEY,
G. A. THOMPSON,
M. S. CHASE,
Selectmen of Stratham.

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

BENJ. BRIERLEY,
G. A. THOMPSON,
M. S. CHASE,
Selectmen of Stratham.

Selectmen's Report.

VALUATION.

Polls, 162	$16,200 00	
Land and buildings	328,721 00	
Horses, 193	15,675 00	
Oxen, 10	380 00	
Cows, 446	12,405 00	
Neat stock, 68	1,128 00	
Sheep, 125	375 00	
Hogs, 9	127 00	
Fowls, 1,780	840 00	
Vehicles, 10	2,300 00	
Stock in corporations	1,000 00	
Money at interest	800 00	
Stock in trade	3,000 00	
		$383,551 00
Soldiers' exemptions		9,280 00
		$374,271 00

Decrease, $32,885.00.

Rate of taxation for all purposes on $100	$2 20
District rate	83

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax	$1,246 00	
County tax	1,229 20	
Schools by law	1,335 00	
Schools voted in school meeting	1,807 28	
Old Home day	50 00	
Brown tail moths	600 00	
State highway	1,208 43	
Contingent fund	500 00	
Overlay or extra	258 05	
		$8,233 96

Total amount raised for taxation, $8,233.96, increase $1,112 01

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.

George W. Dixon, note at 4 per cent	$500 00	
Charles E. Pickering, note at 4 per cent.	750 00	
Charles E. Pickering, note at 4 per cent.	500 00	
Charles E. Gear, note at 4 per cent.	1,500 00	
Amanda M. Lane, library fund	700 00	
Trust funds	150 00	
		$4,100 00

ASSETS.

Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1912	$1,855 04	
Uncollected taxes	197 35	
		$2,052 39

Total indebtedness Feb. 15, 1912 ..... $2,047 61

Decrease, $769.72.

BENJ. BRIERLEY,
GILBERT A. THOMPSON,
M. S. CHASE,

Selectmen of Stratham.

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER ISAAC S. WIGGIN'S ACCOUNT AFTER AUDITING.

John F. Emery, police work	$28 50	
Pascal A. Horton, moth work	1 40	
Charles J. Brewster, moth work	2 25	
Harry H. Cushman, moth work	3 25	
Edgar G. Wentworth, moth work	3 50	
Charles J. Brewster, moth work on Ida Folsom's farm	13 00	
DeWitt C. Chapman, summer roads	2 25	
Harry J. Syphers, snow paths	3 50	
George R. Brewster, railing at Merrill's corner	2 00	
George R. Brewster, snow paths	3 05	
Willis Brewster, guarding dial at Stratham Hill Park	2 00	
Charles J. Brewster, services after auditing	5 50	
George W. Parkman, services after auditing	4 00	
James T. Roby, services after auditing	4 00	
Isaac S. Wiggin, stationery, postage and work on town accounts	2 00	
John Templeton, printing town reports	38 00	
		$118 20

Balance on hand March 14, ... $1,540 63

Treasurer's Report.

TREASURER GEORGE L. BARKER'S RECEIPTS, 1911–1912.

Treasurer Isaac S. Wiggin	$1,540 63
Unaccounted balance in bank	08
Frank B. Garvin, cemetery lot	15 00
Harry Hooper, cemetery lot	15 00
Benjamin H. Moulton, cemetery lot	15 00
George R. Brewster, cemetery lot	10 00
State Treasurer on account of forest fires	7 35
Charles N. Lane, dog tax	90 75
State Treasurer, Railroad tax	266 18
Savings bank tax	823 63
Literary fund	79 20
Proportion of school fund	702 20
State road	436 03
Gravel, electric railroad	29 90
Frank H. Brewster, timber	4 26
Collector Mark F. Piper	7,869 81
A. E. West, Janitor Town Hall	9 98
County Treasurer	137 14
M. S. Chase on account of state road	1 00
Collector J. E. Stockbridge	1 85
Amount received for year ending Feb. 15, 1912	$12,054 99
Expenditures	10,199 95
Balance on hand	$1,855 04

Stratham, February 15, 1912.

We have this day examined the foregoing accounts of Town Treasurer George L. Barker, and find them correctly cast, properly vouched, and a balance in his hands of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars and four cents. ($1,855.04.)

FRANK H. PEARSON,
GEORGE W. DIXON,
Auditors.

ABATEMENTS.

John F. Emery, excess tax	$1 54	
Winfield S. Kelley, loss of horse	1 47	
Charles Jewell, reduced valuation	4 40	
George F. Hodgdon, poll tax	2 20	
W. L. Lane, poll tax	2 20	
W. L. Morse, abatement of excess tax	8 80	
		$20 61

BOARD OF HEALTH.

F. N. Edmunds, services	$24 33	
John W. Marsh, services	3 00	
		$27 33

FIRES.

Forest fires		$14 70

COUNTY CHARGES.

George W. Dixon, wood for Mrs. Wentworth	$9 75	
George H. Odell, groceries for Mrs. Wentworth	75 50	
J. T. Smart, wood and rent for Mrs. Wentworth	36 00	
George H. Odell, groceries for Mrs. A. Clough	11 39	
G. A. Thompson, wood for Mrs. Thompson	5 00	
		$137 64

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

George E. Gowen, interest on Amanda Lane fund	$28 00	
George E. Gowen, library tax	53 40	
Louie A. Mugridge, librarian and listing new books	33 60	
George W. Dixon, insurance on books	2 20	
		$117 20

STATE HIGHWAY.

Marshall S. Chase, Superintendent		$1,289 48

OLD HOME DAY.

Mrs. Joseph T. Smart		$50 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Charles N. Lane, Town Clerk	$9 79	
Mark F. Piper, Collector	98 12	
George L. Barker, Treasurer	50 00	
Benjamin Brierley, services as Selectman	38 00	
G. A. Thompson, services as Selectman	34 00	
M. S. Chase, services as Selectman	28 50	
George W. Dixon, Auditor	3 00	
Frank H. Pearson, Auditor	3 00	
		$264 41

POLICE OFFICERS.

Charles N. Lane, Dog Constable		$10 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

James L. Parker, county tax	$1,229 20	
Solon A. Carter, state tax	1,246 00	
		$2,475 20

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Charles E. Gear, interest on note	$60 00	
Charles E. Pickering, interest on note	50 00	
George W. Dixon, note and interest	546 72	
		$656 72

CEMETERIES.

F. C. Bond, Superintendent of cemetery	$15 80	
Augustus Young, paint	2 10	
		$17 90

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Frank H. Pearson, School Treasurer	$4,024 43

STRATHAM HILL PARK.

Will Snell, mowing grass	$1 25	
Maurice Cottrell, work at park	2 75	
Mortimer Hanley, flag on Stratham Hill	6 00	
George W. Dixon, building fence	1 00	
		$11 00

BROWN TAIL MOTHS.

George W. Parkman	$1 35	
Stewart Spurr	4 50	
Ed. Cooper	4 80	
George Williams	4 95	
James Cooper	4 00	
Shirley Godfrey	6 60	
Benjamin Brierley	4 45	
Charles N. Lane, delivering notices	1 00	
Express on notices	25	
		$31 90

BONDS.

Dana W. Baker, Treasurer's bond	$12 00	
Dana W. Baker, Collector's bond	12 00	
		$24 00

SUMMER ROADS.

J. E. Cooper, raking up rocks	$6 75
James Snell	38 50
W. B. Snell	61 50
John S. Brewster	20 00
A. D. Rowe	38 25
Harry G. Brierley	32 26
George C. Jewell	9 74
Arthur H. Jewell	31 50

James C. Piper	$41 00	
W. H. Lang	36 55	
Joseph M. Wiggin	40 00	
S. Dame	35 00	
James W. Rollins	5 75	
Otis B. French	35 65	
		$432 45

TOWN HALL.

George W. Dixon, wood	$6 50	
M. S. Chase, lock and keys	1 75	
M. S. Chase, hauling coal	2 00	
A. E. McReel, coal	14 50	
G. A. Thompson, wood	6 50	
		$31 25

WATERING TROUGHS.

Charles N. Hanson	$3 00	
A. J. Chapman	3 00	
James W. Rollins, 2 years	6 00	
George W. Dixon	3 00	
		$15 00

TOWN POOR.

Robert Otis, board of J. Currier	$9 00	
M. L. Field, funeral of J. Currier	25 00	
F. C. Bond, digging grave for J. Currier	4 00	
G. H. Odell, groceries for Mrs. Barbour	4 25	
Benjamin Brierley, cash for Mrs. Barbour	1 00	
County on account of Mrs. Barbour	13 38	
		$56 63

WINNICUTT HILL.

George C. Jewell, grading Winnicutt Hill	$176 03	
North East Metal Culvert Co., metal culvert	43 19	
		$219 22

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

W. B. Snell, work on Creek bridge	$28 00	
S. S. Brackett, planking	42 35	
Fred C. Bond, stringers	12 00	
Gilbert A. Thompson, hauling derrick and stone for culverts on Union road	20 53	
George Rumrill, lighting road	2 00	
Irving W. Brown	103 61	
A. R. Marsh, lighting road	1 50	
Benjamin E. Pray, rebuilding culvert	4 50	
G. A. Thompson, stringers	4 00	
		$218 49

MISCELLANEOUS.

John Templeton, supplies	$4 50	
Good Roads Machinery Co., new knife and bolts for road machine	8 50	
J. E. Stockbridge, sale and deed	1 50	
H. P. Montgomery, tuning and repairing piano	5 00	
Mrs. Charles Lane, copying records	3 00	
Hilliard & Kimball, shovels	6 00	
Peter Cote, repairing road machine and roller	6 15	
George H. Odell, lantern, picks and globes	5 20	
James H. Batchelder, supplies	10 04	
Frank H. Brewster, pole for roller	2 00	
A. C. Lane, Justice of Peace	2 50	
		$54 39

RECAPITULATION.

Abatements	$20 61
Board of Health	27 33
Forest fires	14 70
County charges	137 64
Public library	117 20
State Highway	1,289 48

Old Home day	$50 00
Town Officers	264 41
Police Officers	10 00
State and county tax	2,475 20
Notes and interest	656 72
Cemeteries	17 90
Support of schools	4,024 43
Stratham Hill park	11 00
Brown tail moths	31 90
Bonds	24 00
Summer roads	432 45
Town Hall	31 25
Watering troughs	15 00
Bridges and culverts	218 49
Town poor	56 63
Winnicutt Hill	219 22
Miscellaneous	54 39
Balance on hand	1,855 04
	$12,054 99

Collector's Report.

Amount of taxes committed for collection	$8,220 96	
Moth work	13 00	
		$8,233 96

Uncollected	$197 35	
Abated	21 56	
Paid Treasurer George L. Barker	7,863 77	
Discount	151 28	
		$8,233 96

Interest		$9 37
Paid Treasurer	$6 04	
Uncollected	3 33	
		$9 37

MARK F. PIPER, *Collector.*

STRATHAM, February 15, 1912.

We have this day examined the account of Collector Mark F. Piper, and find it correct, and a balance of one hundred ninety-seven dollars and thirty-five cents ($197.35) uncollected taxes, and three dollars and thirty-three cents ($3.33) uncollected interest.

GEORGE DIXON,
FRANK H. PEARSON,
Auditors.

Since auditing I have collected one hundred and twenty-three dollars and ninety-eight cents ($123.98), leaving a balance of uncollected taxes of seventy-three dollars and thirty-seven cents ($73.37).

MARK F. PIPER, *Collector.*

Town Officers' Bills.

Town of Stratham to Benjamin Brierley, Dr.

Services as Selectmen.

Mar.,	writing inventory blanks	$1 00	
	Exeter on town business	1 00	
Apr.,	taking inventory	10 00	
	making assessments	2 00	
	making taxes	5 00	
May,	day session	2 00	
	making return of railroad stock	1 00	
Sept.,	Portsmouth, to consult County Commissioners	1 50	
Dec.,	Exeter on town business	1 00	
	Exeter on town business	1 00	
Feb.,	Portsmouth, to settle county accounts	1 50	
	2 days in session	4 00	
	14 evening sessions	7 00	
			$38 00

Town of Stratham to G. A. Thompson, Dr.

Mar.,	writing inventory blanks	$1 00	
Apr.,	taking inventory	10 00	
	making assessments	2 00	
May,	day in session	2 00	
	to Portsmouth on business	1 50	
Dec.,	to Portsmouth on business	1 50	
Jan.,	to Concord to tax commissioners' meeting	5 00	
	14 evening sessions	7 00	
Feb.,	2 days in session	4 00	
			$34 00

Town of Stratham to M. S. Chase, Dr.

Apr.,	to making assessments	$2 00	
May,	appointing surveyors	2 00	
	writing Collector's book	2 00	
	day in session	2 00	
	making taxes	5 00	
Jan.,	Concord, to tax commission meeting	5 00	
	13 evening sessions	6 50	
Feb. 14-15,	in session	4 00	
			$28 50

State Highways.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Joint Fund Account.

January 12, 1912. Stratham.

	Bal. 1910.	1911.	Total.
Town contribution	$160 84	$603 00	$763 84
State contribution	96 50	361 80	458 30
Total joint fund	$257 34	$964 80	$1,222 14
Town disbursements approved		$1,258 58	
State disbursements		22 27	
Total disbursements			$1,280 85
Paid by state to town	$436 03		
Overdraft			$58 71

ACCOUNT OF M. S. CHASE, SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE HIGHWAY.

Dr.

Received of Treasurer George L. Barker $1,288 48

Cr.

Harry Brierley and man	$85 51
J. E. Chase	60 75
A. D. Rowe	63 00
Sylvester Dame and man	79 50
William Snell	90 50
William Morse	33 75
Benjamin Pray	58 00
M. S. Chase	94 51
James C. Piper	9 00
G. A. Thompson	81 00

George Davis	$27 67
Reno Small	31 50
Charles Rumrill	12 25
George Bowley	22 75
E. M. Smart	40 25
Thomas Murphy	10 50
Joseph Parks	35 88
Shirley Godfrey	38 70
Noah Young	26 55
William Small	17 50
Robert Otis	41 91
Stephen Beal	38 50
S. Dick	26 25
John Connell	19 05
Clifford Rand	36 50
Mert Snelling	19 25
Henry Jewell	69 75
Harry Syphers	18 00
Henry Jones	6 12
John Parks	17 50
James Cooper	17 50
Benjamin Brierley	3 50
D. W. Hall	8 23
Fred Jewell	29 25
A. A. Haven, use of plow	2 50
M. A. Sanborn for gravel	14 85
Dynamite	75
	$1,288 48

STRATHAM, N. H., February 15, 1912.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Marshall S. Chase, Superintendent of State Highway construction, and find it correct and properly vouched.

GEORGE W. DIXON,
FRANK H. PEARSON,
Auditors.

Town Treasurer George L. Barker has received $29.90 from the Portsmouth and Exeter railroad for gravel hauled to raise the track at Meeting House Hill; deducted from $1,288.48 leaves $1,258.58, the amount expended on state highway.

Town Hall.

REPORT OF ALBERT E. WEST, JANITOR TOWN HALL.

Receipts.

Winnicut grange	$28 58	
Entertainments	23 00	
Dances	18 00	
Jr. O. U. A. M.	3 45	
		$73 03

Expenses.

Albert West, Janitor	$42 25	
Albert West, free meetings	11 75	
George H. Odell, oil and supplies	10 40	
Paid Treasurer Barker	8 63	
		$73 03

STRATHAM, N. H., February 15, 1912.

We have this day examined the foregoing accounts of Janitor Albert E. West, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

B. BRIERLEY,
G. A. THOMPSON,
M. S. CHASE,
Selectmen of Stratham.

Report of the Library Trustees.

Seventy-three volumes were added to the library during the year. Of these sixty-eight were purchased by the Trustees. Two were donated by Miss Mary Scott, of Boston. One each by the following parties: Stratham Study Club, Sumner F. Claflin (the author), and one by the state of New Hampshire.

Whole number of books loaned during the year	2,687
Largest number loaned, March 11, 1911	59
Smallest number loaned, Jan. 3, 1911	3

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1912.

Receipts.

Received from Treasurer, R. M. Scammon, unexpended balance of 1911	$16 41	
Income of Amanda Lane fund	28 00	
Annual appropriation	53 40	
Fines collected, received from librarian	7 36	
		$105 17

Expenditures.

1911.		
Oct. 12, *Army and Navy Magazine*, books	$9 50	
Dec. 29, Charles E. Lauriat Co., books	55 20	
1912.		
Jan. 31, Charles E. Lauriat Co., books	8 71	
Florist Review (Mushroom book)	1 00	
Expenses paid by the librarian	1 59	
American Express	95	
Feb. 15, balance on hand	28 22	
		$105 17

STRATHAM, February 15, 1912.

We have this day examined the account of Library Trustee George E. Gowen, and find it correctly cast, properly vouched, and a balance in his hands of twenty-eight dollars and twenty-two cents. ($28.22).

FRANK H. PEARSON,
GEORGE W. DIXON,
Auditors.

LIST OF BOOKS.

H139 Historic Inventions ..... *Rupert S. Holland*
H140 Stories of Useful Inventions ..... *S. E. Forman*
H141 Reminiscences of the War of the Rebellion .... *Col. E. J. Copp*
H142 New Hampshire ..... *Frank B. Sanborn*
H143 Lincoln ..... *Eliot Norton*
L25 Down North on the Labrador... *Wilfred T. Grenfell*
M77 Girls and Education ..... *L. B. R. Briggs*
M78 The Book of Woman's Power ..... *L. B. R. Briggs*
M79 What Eight Million Women Want .... *Rheta Childe Dorr*
M80 A Gallery of Girls ..... *Coles Phillips*
M81 A Tribute to Lincoln and More Wayside Stories ... . *Sumner F. Claflin*
N59 Literary Pilgrimages of a Naturalist .... *Winthrop Packard*
Ref. 21 Messages and Papers of the Presidents, Vol. I .... *James D. Richardson*
Ref. 22 Messages and Papers of the Presidents, Vol. II .... *James D. Richardson*
Ref. 23 Messages and Papers of the Presidents, Vol. III ... . *James D. Richardson*
Ref. 24 Messages and Papers of the Presidents, Vol. IV ... . *James D. Richardson*
Ref. 25 Messages and Papers of the Presidents, Vol. V..... ..... *James D. Richardson*
Ref. 26 Messages and Papers of the Presidents, Vol. VI ... . *James D. Richardson*
Ref. 27 Messages and Papers of the Presidents, Vol. VII .. .. *James D. Richardson*
Ref. 28 Messages and Papers of the Presidents, Vol. VIII .. .. *James D. Richardson*
Ref. 29 Messages and Papers of the Presidents, Vol. IX.... ..... *James D. Richardson*
Ref. 30 Messages and Papers of the Presidents, Vol. X .... *James D. Richardson*

Ref. 31 Messages and Papers of the Presidents, Vol. XI.... ..... *James D. Richardson*

U82 Mushrooms, How to Grow Them. *William Falconer*

11A2 Little Women .....*Louisa M. Alcott*
15A1 The Sick-a-Bed Lady .....*Eleanor H. Abbott*
16A Average Jones .....*Samuel Hopkins Adams*
17B3 Peter and Wendy .....*J. M. Barrie*
30B7 Team-Mates .....*Ralph Henry Barbour*
35B3 The Ne'er-Do-Well .....*Rex Beach*
47B2 The Following of the Star .....*Florence L. Barclay*
49B The Shadow .....*Harold Begbie*
50B The Indiscretions of Maister Redhorn ....*J. J. Bell*
51B Two Boys in a Gyrocar ....*Kenneth-Kenneth Brown*
41C1 The Trail of the Axe .....*Ridgwell Cullum*
25D1 The Measure of a Man .....*Norman Duncan*
30D Rose of Old Harpeth .....*Maria Thompson Daviess*
31D The Iron Woman .....*Margaret Deland*
32D The Unknown Isle .....*Pierre De Coulevain*
20G Flower o' the Peach .....*Percival Gibbon*
21G The Forbidden Way .....*George Gibbs*
22G Janey .....*Inez Haynes Gillimore*
35H3 The Fruitful Vine .....*Robert Hichens*
38H Miss 318 .....*Rupert Hughes*
3J1 The Outcry .....*Henry James*
13J Where the Shamrock Grows .....*George H. Jessop*
14J The Yellow Letter .....*William Johnston*
8K The Prodigal Judge .....*Vaughn Kester*
9K The Singer of the Kootenay .....*Robert E. Knowles*
10L7 Cap'n Warren's Wards .....*Joseph C. Lincoln*
13M2 From One Generation to Another .... *Henry Seton Merriman*
13M3 The Sowers .....*Henry Seton Merriman*
32M1 The Carpet from Bagdad .....*Harold Macgrath*
37M Tarantella .....*Edith Macvane*
38M Her Husband .....*Julia Magruder*
39M Quaker Ben .....*Henry C. McCook*

6N	Mother	*Kathleen Norris*
9O	The Nine-Tenths	*James Oppenheim*
1Q	Freshman Dom, Pitcher	*Leslie W. Quirk*
14R4	A Weaver of Dreams	*Myrtle Reed*
20R	Carey of St. Ursula's	*Jane Brewster Reid*
9S1	Uncle Tom's Cabin	*Harriet Beecher Stowe*
29S6	A Country Lawyer	*Henry A. Shute*
34S	The Road	*Frank Savile*
35S	Wally	*Guy Steely*
8T7	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	*Mark Twain*
8T8	Huckleberry Finn	*Mark Twain*
3V1	The Mansion	*Henry Van Dyke*
4V	The Shadow of Islam	*Demetra Vaka*
3W8	Mother Carey's Chickens	*Kate Douglas Wiggin*
28W1	Just Patty	*Jean Webster*
37W	When Woman Proposes	*Anne Warner*
38W	The Winning of Barbara Worth	*Harold Bell Wright*

GEORGE L. BARKER,
GEORGE E. GOWEN,
Library Trustees.

EXTRACT FROM WILL OF MRS. EMMA B. WIGGIN.

Be it known that I, Emma B. Wiggin, of Stratham, in the County of Rockingham, and State of New Hampshire, being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:—

First:—After the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses, I give, bequeath and devise unto G. Ralph Laighton, of Portsmouth, George H. Odell and Annie W. Scammon of Stratham, the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) in trust for the following purposes. Said Trustees are to purchase a suitable lot on the main road near the village in Stratham, in some elevated site, convenient of access, and are to erect thereon a library building, said building to be of brick or stone,

and in the erection of the building and the management of the same said Trustees are to have in mind the welfare and convenience of the citizens of Stratham and the permanence of said building. The entire expense of said building and lot is not to exceed the sum of ten thousand ($10,000) dollars. Said building to be known as the George A. and Emma B. Wiggin Public Library, and is given by me in memory of my late husband and in accordance with what I know to be his expressed desire for the welfare of his native town and its citizens. Said Trustees are to have the charge and management of said library during their lives, and upon the death or resignation of any of said Trustees the vacancy is to be filled by the surviving or remaining Trustees, provided that said vacancy is not occasioned by the death or resignation of the resident members of the board, in which case the town of Stratham at its annual meeting or at any special meeting called for the purpose, shall choose some person, a citizen of Stratham, to fill the vacancy.

The Library Trustees also hold in trust one thousand ($1,000) dollars, the income from which goes to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Blodgett for life, and at their death the principal goes to the Library as a fund and the income to be used in the purchase of books.

The Trustees also hold about five thousand dollars ($5,000), the income of which goes equally divided to E. J. Blodgett and John W. Wiggin for their life time and then to Annie W. Scammon, and at her death the principal goes to the library as a fund for the support of the same.

GEORGE L. BARKER.
GEORGE E. GOWEN.

Annual Report of the School Board.

ORGANIZATION.

Albert T. Lane ..... *Superintendent.*
Pascal A. Horton ..... *Chairman.*
Percy E. Jewell ..... *Secretary.*
Albert C. Lane ..... *Truant Officer.*

CALENDAR, 1912–1913.

Fall term..September 3 to December 14, 15 weeks.
Winter term....December 30 to March 15, 11 weeks.
Spring term..... March 31 to June 7, 10 weeks.

TEACHERS.

Division 1. Lois M. Holmes, Emma Murray, Mary L. Nixon.
Division 2..... Katherine A. Falvey.
Division 3..... Hazel M. Richardson.
Division 4..... Arianna B. McNeal.

At a meeting of the School Board the following report was submitted by Superintendent Albert T. Lane, and it was voted to accept his report and print it as the annual report of the Board.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Board of Stratham:

Gentlemen.—As required by your board, I hereby submit the annual report of the Superintendent of Schools.

In August, 1911, Stratham became a part of the supervisory district composed of the towns of Hampton, Hampton Falls, Seabrook and Stratham. By the terms of the union Stratham is to receive two-fifths of the Superintendent's time.

STATISTICS.

From the registers of last year I have compiled the statistics required by law, and submit them for information of the public.

Whole number of different pupils over five years of age who have attended at least two weeks	101
Boys	59
Girls	42
Number under five years of age	0
Number over sixteen years of age	0
Number between five and sixteen	91
Average attendance in all schools	74.16
Average absence in all schools	3.04
Average membership	77.20
Per cent. of daily attendance	91.27
Number of pupils not absent or tardy	3
Number of cases of tardiness	115
Number of visits of School Board	52
Number of visits by parents and others	304
Cost per pupil for text books and supplies	$1.43
Total expenditure per pupil	24.18

Enumeration of children by Agent of School Board, September, 1911:

Number of children between five and sixteen	103
Boys	54
Girls	49
Born in New Hampshire	91
Born elsewhere in the United States	12

Roll of Honor.—The pupils named below were not absent or tardy during the school year:

Division 1.—Chester Scammon.

Division 2.—Leah B. Cottrell, Ruth Godfrey.

ATTENDANCE TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 15, 1911.

School	Teacher	Entire registration.	Boys.	Girls.	Average attendance.	Average absence.	Average membership.	Percentage of daily attendance.	Number of tardinesses.	Number of pupils not absent or tardy.	Number of visits by School Board.	Number of visits by parents or others.
Division 1	Mary O. Taylor	29	20	9	20.87	3.68	27.55	86	9	11	10	63
Division 2	—— Flynn Alice Smart Katherine Hitchcock	34	19	15	25.70	2.63	28.33	91	16	28	16	74
Division 3	Bernice A. Fitch Agnes G. Hill	23	14	9	17.56	1.98	19.55	89.76	25	6	16	92
Division 4	Katherine Hitchcock Hazeldean Hitchcock Hettie C. Smith	15	6	9	11.75	51	12.26	95	65	4	10	75

Estimate for coming fiscal year ending February 15, 1913:

Teachers' salaries	$1,500 00
Text books and supplies	150 00
High school tuition	750 00
Flags and appurtenances	10 00
Estimated cost of wood	170 00
Janitors	75 00
Miscellaneous	100 00
	$2,755 00

PASCAL A. HORTON,
PERCY E. JEWELL,
ALBERT C. LANE,

School Board.

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Board of Stratham:

Gentlemen: I hereby submit my first report as Superintendent of your public schools.

Since the inception of my work last September, I have sought to learn as thoroughly as possible the condition of your schools, their efficiency, the causes of waste, of loss, of retardation, of lack of adjustment of the individual pupil to his school work and to the grade in which I have found him. An endeavor has also been made to devise plans by which greater efficiency and less waste may be attained in the operation of the schools. To secure the highest degree of efficiency in its work, the schools must make the most effective use of the time and the material at their disposal. With this end in view the teachers have co-operated with the Superintendent in making their daily programmes in such a way that the amount of time in which pupils are awaiting recitations, or in which they are not actively engaged in preparation for recitation, has been made a minimum. Efforts have made been to reduce the loss due to poor attendance, but this most serious waste of the public money is yet considerable. Previous reports of School Boards and Superintendents have emphasized the importance of good attendance and punctuality. The apathy of parents in this matter has often been responsible for wrecking the careers of boys and girls, who otherwise might have been encouraged by their attainment, and the realization of some latent power to increase their efficiency to a degree adequate to insure success in life. To this great loss of educational instruction to the individual must be added the loss of revenue to the town.

Lack of punctuality is another waste of time we have to meet. The pupils who are dilatory become habituated to shiftless ways, and to the resulting incompetency to properly perform the duties of good citizenship.

There have been too rapid promotions, and as a consequence, many pupils are not equal to the grade of work they are now doing. There are so many grades for each teacher that the time allotment of the several subjects pursued is

far too brief. Too much time has been spent on some subjects, too little on others.

The home should supplement the work of the school room, at least should harmonize with it. Sometimes, the lack of knowledge of present school programmes, and of the wide scope of work required of the teacher, causes false conceptions of the value of the teacher's devoted endeavors in the pupil's behalf.

Perception charts for use in arithmetic study have been prepared in accordance with the instructions of the Superintendent. Practical mental work in arithmetic has been emphasized and practical everyday problems have been prepared and solved by pupils. More stress has been laid upon mental, and less upon pencil and paper work in this subject.

Reading and literature courses have been formulated, so as to make the most effective use of the books we have. The memorizing of selections from great writers, story-telling for teaching oral language more definitely have been begun. An endeavor to teach patriotism in the schools has been made, and daily exercises performed which aim to inculcate love of country and honor to the flag.

During the last school year music has been added to the studies pursued in our schools. The expenditure has, I believe, been justified, although work of this nature requires considerable time to insure large results; and the adaptability of the teacher to work, outlined by the musical supervisor, must be taken into consideration.

The most serious problem we have to face at present is the matter of school organization. We, school officials, parents, voters of the town, should interest ourselves in every way possible in this matter. Means should be devised whereby we can have a more thoroughly graded system.

At the present time, there are from five to six grades in each of our four schools. If you take into consideration the increased amount of knowledge that must be acquired by every boy and girl before graduating from the eighth grade, likewise the practical impossibility of accomplishing the re-

quirement by any teacher becomes evident. Besides, regard must be paid to the fact that very seldom is it possible to obtain a teacher, who is naturally adapted or sufficiently well trained to do efficient work in primary, intermediate, and grammar grades. The very attitude of mind of the primary teacher is far removed from that of the grammar school teacher.

No little loss in instruction has been occasioned by the defects in the heating apparatus of two of the schools.

The change of teachers in Division I has naturally caused some retardation, due to the usual readjustment of the pupil to a new teacher's methods of class room management. However, there is reason to believe that the work of this year has been one of progress, and some foundation has been laid for better work, and for substantial results.

In possession of the town are many well selected text books; they have been tabulated; copies of the list will later be placed in the hands of the members of the School Board. A policy of buying for the largest class in town in any given grade, rather than for the total number of pupils of that grade, will render possible some economy in the purchase of text books; and the amount saved can better be spent in securing a wider range of supplementary readers. In this way we can soon, so far as books are concerned, be able to fulfill the state programme of studies for the elementary schools. Lists of the books arranged by grades have been put in the hands of the teachers, so that every pupil in town might have access to the use of every text necessary to the work of his or her grade.

The active, sympathetic support of the three members of the School Board, the ready and enthusiastic compliance of the teachers to the Superintendent's plans, their painstaking, conscientious devotion to the interests of the pupils, and the welfare of the schools, the generous attitude of many of the parents and of the community, have rendered the labors of the Superintendent much easier than they would otherwise have been, and they have his highest appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT T. LANE,

Superintendent of Schools.

Treasurer of School District's Report.

Receipts.

Balance in treasury from last year	$759 80	
Received from town of Greenland for school privileges for Helen and Earl Rumrill ...	18 00	
Received from George L. Barker, Town Treasurer:		
Amount required by law	1,335 00	
raised in addition	1,000 00	
for supervision	250 00	
music	150 00	
repairs	150 00	
desks and chairs in division 4	150 00	
salaries of School Board, 1910	57 28	
salaries of School Board, 1911	50 00	
recieved from dog licenses	100 75	
from state, literary fund .	79 20	
from state for average attendance of pupils	105 00	
from state for approved teachers	124 00	
from state, rebate on high school tuition	223 20	
from state, one-half salary Superintendent	250 00	
Total		$4,802 23

Expenditures.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Division 1.

Miss Mary O. Taylor, 17 weeks at $10.50 ..	$178 50	
Miss Lois M. Holmes, 15 weeks at $10.50 ..	157 50	
Miss Emma Murray, 3 weeks at $10.50	31 50	
Miss Mary L. Nixon, 2 weeks at $12.00	24 00	
		$391 50

Division 2.

Miss Katherine Hitchcock, 17 weeks at $10.50	$178 50	
Miss Katherine A. Falvey, 20 weeks at $10.50	210 00	
		$388 50

Division 3.

Miss Bernice Fitch, 7 weeks at $10.50	$73 50	
Miss Agnes G. Hill, 10 weeks at $10.00	100 00	
Miss Hazel Richardson, 20 weeks at $10.50	210 00	
		$383 50

Division 4.

Miss Hazeldean Hitchcock, 7 weeks at $9.00	$63 00	
Miss Hettie Smith, 9 weeks at $9.00	81 00	
Miss Arianna B. McNeal, 20 weeks at $10.00	200 00	
		$344 00
Superintendent Albert T. Lane, salary to Feb. 1, 1912	$208 30	
C. L. Akeley, Music Teacher	72 09	
		$1,787 89

TUITION AT APPROVED SCHOOLS.

EXETER HIGH SCHOOL.

Wallace J. Ayer	$10 00	
Percy D. Murray	20 00	
Vernon C. Bond	30 00	
George W. Odell	30 00	
Harold P. Odell	30 00	
Lauris S. Godfrey	30 00	
		$150 00

ROBINSON FEMALE SEMINARY.

Pauline Severance	$13 00
Vera Tuttle	40 00

H. Myrtle Brewster	$40 00	
Edith M. Chadbourne	13 00	
Bertha Chapman	40 00	
Beulah Edmunds	40 00	
Myra J. Jewell	40 00	
Edith C. Lane	40 00	
Alice Odell	40 00	
Florence Odell	40 00	
Maude Thompson	40 00	
Bertha Stickney	40 00	
Sadie Smith	13 00	
Alice J. Scammon	13 00	
		$452 00
		$602 00

JANITORS.

Division 1, Chester Scammon	$17 70	
2, Maurice Cottrell	13 25	
Charles Darbyshire	8 75	
3, Alice M. Grant	20 75	
4, Alice Lane	8 20	
Ralph Lane	5 25	
		$73 90

FUEL.

W. L. Morse, 2 cords wood at $5.50	$11 00	
Paul W. Goodsoe, 42.75 cords wood at $5.50	*235 14	
		$246 14

*$77.36 of this amount was for wood used before Feb. 15, 1911.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Edward E. Babb & Co.	$132 11	
American Book Co.	10 72	
James H. Batchelder	90	
R. E. Lane	79	
		$144 52

SALARIES OF SCHOOL OFFICERS.

Albert C. Lane, services, 1910	$23 39	
Pascal A. Horton, services, 1910	25 04	
Percy E. Jewell, services, 1910	8 85	
Frank H. Pearson, services, 1910	20 00	
Pascal A. Horton, services, 1911	25 00	
Percy E. Jewell, services, 1911	17 50	
Albert C. Lane, services, 1911	7 50	
Frank H. Pearson, services, 1911	20 00	
		$147 28

MISCELLANEOUS.

George H. Odell, supplies	$21 59	
Pascal A. Horton, expenses to Boston	2 60	
Warren P. Horton, labor, Division 3	50	
Albert C. Lane, chairs, Division 2	2 25	
Percy E. Jewell, express charges	2 45	
George H. Bowley, labor, Division 1	1 00	
C. L. Akeley, tuning forks	2 00	
Perley J. Wells, labor, Division 4	1 00	
Hilliard & Kimball, supplies	38 34	
Pascal A. Horton, freight on desks	5 09	
Herbert S. Barnard, teaming, Division 4	2 00	
Mrs. Rundlett, cleaning, Division 1	4 00	
Mrs. J. Billings, cleaning, Division 3	4 00	
Pascal A. Horton, labor and expense	11 76	
Lester Lane, cleaning yard, Division 2	50	
Uri Lane, labor at Divisions 1 and 4	9 50	
Percy E. Jewell, supplies and express	8 64	
John F. Emery, teaming, Division 4	1 50	
Frank H. Pearson, postage	3 20	
		$121 92

REPAIRS.

F. L. Tuttle, labor, Division 2	$17 35
G. A. Gowen, labor on flag pole	50

Uri Lane, labor, Division 4	$31 50	
Vermont School Seat Co., desks, Division 4	95 72	
E. E. Babb & Co., teacher's desk and chair	17 25	
E. W. Holmes, painting, Division 3	14 80	
F. L. Tuttle, repairs, Division 2	5 85	
E. W. Holmes, cleaning funnel, Division 3	3 00	
F. L. Tuttle, repairs, Division 1	3 85	
F. C. Bond, oiling floors, Divisions 1, 2	4 00	
E. W. Holmes, repairs on flag pole, Division 2	13 05	
F. L. Tuttle, repairs, Division 3	1 25	
A. R. Marsh, repairs, Division 3	1 25	
F. C. Bond, repairs, Division 2	2 00	
		$211 37
Total expenditures	$3,335 02	
Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1912	1,467 21	
		$4,802 23

We have this day examined the account of School Treasurer Frank H. Pearson, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance on hand of fourteen hundred and sixty-seven dollars and twenty-one cents ($1,467.21).

B. BRIERLEY,
GEORGE W. DIXON,
Auditors.

February 15, 1912.

School Warrant.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Stratham, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said district, on the 16th day of March, 1912, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of Schools.
8. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for repairs.
9. To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for salaries of School Officers for the ensuing year.
10. To see if the District will vote to continue in the Supervisory District and employ a Superintendent, and raise and appropriate money for the same.
11. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to employ a Music Teacher for the ensuing year, and raise and appropriate money for the same.
12. To see if the District will vote to make certain needed repairs on school house, Division 3, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Given under our hands at said Stratham this 24th day of February, 1912.

PASCAL A. HORTON,
PERCY E. JEWELL,
ALBERT C. LANE,
School Board.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1911.

Date		Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.	No. of Child.	Living or Still-born.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Jan.	18	Melvin A.	M	9	L	Perley J. Wells	Sarah J. Wentworth	Epping	Stratham.
May	13	Eva	F	7	"	Cyprian Dick	Arthemer Duber	Maine	Canada.
	29	Margaret	"	5	"	William Darbyshire	Sarah M. Smith	Cohoes, N. Y.	Hartford, Conn.
June	6	Isabelle	"	8	"	Chester B. Caverly	Isabelle Cumming	Ipswich, Mass.	Cape Breton.
	12	Gertrude Helen	"	1	"	Walter J. Holley	Hattie M. Witham	Gloucester, Ms.	Newmarket.
July	31	Joseph P.	M	19	"	Joseph P. Cushing	Lizzie Rock	Canada	Plaistow.
Sept.	11	Jennie L.	F	1	"	Clifford C. Clifford	Jennie M. Muzzy	Oswego, N. Y.	Groton.
Oct.	24	Asa Day	M	4	"	George E. Chapman	Edith M. Wentworth	Stratham	Stratham.
1907									
Mar.	26	Evelyn L.	F	3	L	George E. Cooper	Cora M. Chapman	Nova Scotia	Stratham.

MARRIAGES Recorded in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1911.

Date	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of groom and bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
June 28	Raymond	George F. Hodgdon Fannie Knight	43 39		Stratham Newmarket	Daniel W. Hodgdon James F. Knight		Rev. Roger Thompson, Raymond.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1911.

Date		Name and surname of Deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
Jan.	6	Mary S. Jenness	47			Stratham	F	W	M	William H. Jewell	Hannah J. Jewell.
Mar.	31	George M. Hodgdon	13	7		Stratham	M	"	S	Daniel H. Hodgdon	Alma D. Hanley.
June	1	Joseph Currier	65				"	"	"		
Aug.	25	Thomas White	78			Marlboro, Mass.	"	"	W		
Sept.	3	Eugene H. Adams		9		Greenland	"	"	S	John Adams	Jennie Penlong.
Dec.	10	William Wentworth	83	10	2	Lebanon	"	"	W	Abraham Wentworth.	

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